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Briefly

Seniors gathering called off tonight

A meeting of Granite City Chapter 1330 of the American Association of Retired Persons, set for today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m., has been postponed due to the weather.

President Juanita Crawley said the group will announce plans for its next meeting, probably in February.

Prayer vigil set for peace in Gulf

A prayer vigil for peace in the Persian Gulf will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, at the SUE Religious Center. The center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for silent prayer, followed at 4:45 p.m. by a prayer service conducted by leaders from the Jewish, Islamic and Christian faiths.

A discussion about the Persian Gulf crisis will be conducted immediately following the prayer service.

Venice discussion

"Whole Body and Organ Donations: Fact vs. Myth" will be the featured discussion topic at a Venice-Madison Homemakers Extension Association meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Venice Community Center.

Tip of the hat

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Dobrey work sparks dispute

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Two street department employees have filed grievances against the city over a delay in their being paid for a job they performed Dec. 1 and 2 for Dobrey Slough developer Steve Lathrop.

Street Department employee Tom Harrison said he was picked up by foreman Glenn Romine Sunday morning, Dec. 2, in a city vehicle, and taken to the Dobrey Slough pump station — where he turned the drainage pump on — and was

then taken back home by Romine. Later that evening he came back to shut the pumps down. For the work he earned three hours of overtime pay which he has not yet received. He has filed a grievance through Laborers Local 397, he said.

Harrison said Don Mangiaracino performed a similar task the day before, and has not yet been paid. Mangiaracino could not be reached to confirm the statement, but a fellow worker said Mangiaracino had also filed a grievance, and felt he was owed six hours of overtime pay.

Warfield said the job was being paid for by Lathrop, a private contractor who had been digging a lake in the slough and had gotten his equipment stuck under water.

Warfield and Romine both said the workers were told by Romine that they would be paid, but not by the city. Since then the decision has been made for the workers to be paid by the city, but the city will be reimbursed through Lathrop's insurer, Warfield said.

Lathrop is involved in a controversy over work he is doing in the slough area, where development is banned by a state moratorium. Lathrop has attempted to annex to the city, but been turned down.

Warfield said the only reason he agreed to supply pumping assistance, when asked by Lathrop, was to protect the nearby homes that do fall in-city limits.

Lathrop confirmed the work arrangement and how it would be paid for, when interviewed Monday.

Although it is unusual for city (See GRIEVANCE, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)
SNOW SLOUGH: The Dobrey Slough takes on a desolate look with the recent snowy and icy conditions

Slough proposal back again

GRANITE CITY — A proposed residential subdivision in the Dobrey Slough area will again come before the city Plan Commission Thursday evening.

The proposal for Pine Lake Estates, at the end of Pine Avenue in northeast Granite City, was originally "not accepted" by the Plan Commission on Nov. 8. Tamm Development, owned by Steve Lathrop of Granite City, proposed digging a two-acre lake, 15 feet deep, to enhance drainage, and building residences around the lake.

The development would include building within the city — which annexed the property in October — and outside the city, in Madison County's jurisdiction.

Lathrop continued to dig a lake and elevate proposed building sites on the property into December.

Lathrop presented revised plans to the commission Dec. 13, and action on them was deferred in order that the City Engineers and Plan Commission could review them.

There has been a moratorium on building in the slough area since May 1973, but Lathrop said the moratorium does not apply to a home rule municipality like Granite City.

Under provisions of the moratorium, enacted by the county board at the direction of the Illinois Division of Waterways, persons found guilty of violating the moratorium risk daily fines of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000.

The Madison County Board (See SLOUGH, Page 6A)

Ethnic intimidation is alleged

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A Venice woman has filed suit against Rent-a-Center, 3214 Namekiki Road, one of its employees and the City of Madison claiming violations of the Illinois Ethnic Intimidation Act.

The suit, filed Dec. 28, alleges that Ardell Lott was visited at least five times by an employee of Rent-a-Center listed as Mark (last name unknown) during September through December 1990.

The suit contends that on each occasion "the Rent-a-Center employee advised Lott that her son, Robert, and his wife were (See SUIT, Page 6A)

Venice stresses cooperation, effort to bring back business

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

VENICE — A cooperative effort to bring business back to the city and reduce "bickering" among council members set the tone for the first meeting of the Venice City Council in 1991.

Although most aldermen had their say about matters before the council last Wednesday night, none of the comments offering alternative suggestions were considered offensive or argumentative, officials said.

Third Ward Alderman John Ervin offered congratulatory remarks to Venice and Madison school authorities for working together to broaden the scope of athletic programs available to young people in the two districts.

A cooperative arrangement between the two districts will allow athletes from both high schools to participate on the same team in some sports.

The plan permits student athletes to take part in school sports which their own district otherwise could not afford.

"I think that's really nice, working that way," Ervin said. "I don't see any reason we can't work along with Madison in other ways."

The Venice and Madison fire and police departments coordinate many of their operations, Ervin said.

He asked if the same type of cooperation could be extended to include the street departments. Some streets have portions in both Madison and Venice, he noted.

"I'd like to ask the mayor to meet with the Madison mayor, and see what we could do. Maybe we could swap labor and equipment," Ervin said.

Second Ward Alderman John Henry Williams proposed working harder together as a council to help local businessmen and

encourage people to invest in Venice.

He suggested setting up a committee to work with business people.

Mayor Tyrone Echols agreed with the concept of cooperation, but admonished the aldermen for some past actions, including a controversy when the council was considering increasing the number of liquor licenses.

"No one is going to come in here to invest money if they hear this bickering we've been getting into," the mayor said.

"I can never come here and agree with everything that's said," Williams replied.

"I'm not talking about dissent but the little things that flare out into major battles," Echols said.

"For the betterment of the city, what has happened in 1990 is over as far as I'm concerned. This is 1991," Williams said.

Fourth Ward Alderman Victor (See BUSINESS, Page 6A)

City seeking loan for bridge repair

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

VENICE — Concern that the McKinley Bridge is being over looked in the metropolitan area's grand scheme of redevelopment came through loud and clear at the Jan. 2 council session.

A recent news story quoting U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello about "constructing a new bridge across the Mississippi River sparked the concern."

"I think it was a kick in the face to Venice when I read that Costello was talking in favor of a new bridge between the King Bridge and the McKinley Bridge into St. Louis," said 4th Ward Alderman Victor Valentin.

"I think the congressman should be aware of our feelings."

"The McKinley Bridge is a

solid bridge and, even if they build a new bridge, they're still going to need the McKinley," Mayor Tyrone Echols said.

Projected cost of a new bridge is \$100 million and it would cost \$20 million to fix up the McKinley Bridge, Echols estimated.

"The \$100 million figure was conservative. They're now talking about \$300 million and it will take 10 years to build," the mayor said.

"They are constantly complaining about the condition of the (McKinley) bridge," Echols said.

"Don't give us the money. I'm saying loan it to us and we can retire the bonds. For resurfacing, painting and straightening out the curve on the eastern approach we are talking (See LOAN, Page 6A)

Medicare-Glaser says store here may reopen

GRANITE CITY — The Medicare-Glaser drug store here closed its doors Tuesday, but a company official says there is a "reasonable good chance" that the store will open again soon.

The Granite City store, located at 1 American Village Shopping Center on Namekiki Road, is among the 67 St. Louis area stores affected by a \$12.2 million sale of inventory to the Walgreen Co. Joan Quicksilver, a spokesman for Medicare-Glaser, said.

Medicare-Glaser has more than 800 employees in stores in Illinois and Missouri.

The Medicare-Glaser drug stores in Alton and Edwardsville closed their doors Saturday, a Belleville store is scheduled to close Jan. 9, and an East St. Louis store Jan. 13.

Granite City store manager Dale Fridley said he told employees at his store filled out applications for employment with Walgreen's last week. Fridley, who

has been employed by Medicare-Glaser for four years, said he has "no definite plans" for his future at this time.

Legacies of the 67 affected stores are still for sale and at least two companies are interested in buying them. Kent Friedman, an attorney for Medicare-Glaser, said.

"There is a glimmer of hope that the stores will be purchased and opened again for business," Friedman said.

Friedman, who declined to say who the potential buyers were, said that an announcement could be made "within a week to 10 days" regarding who will acquire the leases on the remaining stores. The sale to Walgreen's must be closed before any other leases can be awarded.

Friedman said an indication of general interest had been received on all Metro-East locations, and said there was a "reasonable good chance that a majority (See GLASER, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)
A CUSTOMER LEAVES the Granite City Medicare-Glaser store for the last time Monday. The store closed Tuesday.

Deaths

Catherine Bick.
Arnold Kueker.
Melvin LeVaut.
Robert Martin.
Michael Szczepanik Jr.
Ray Totra.
Melvin Warden Sr.

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Police



Kevin Horrigan

Athletes Of Old Slaughter Goats And Play In Nude

The New York Times reports that archaeologists digging near Nemea, in central Greece, had uncovered what is believed to be history's first locker room.

As archaeological discoveries go, this wasn't exactly King Tut's tomb, the ruins of Pompeii or the Dead Sea Scrolls, but for anyone who has spent any time inside a locker room or cheered the athletes who emerge from it, the discovery is of compelling interest.

After all, locker rooms are big news here in the last decade of the 20th century. We spent much of last fall wringing our hands over the mistreatment afforded Lisa Olsen, a sportswriter for the Boston Herald, inside a locker room belonging to pro football's New England Patriots. To hear some coaches and athletes describe it, the locker room is a sanctum sanctorum, a place of refuge not to be defiled by the scuzzy likes of reporters, particularly women reporters.

Their reasoning was that in this day and age, with the intrusions of the modern world being so pervasive, the jocks needed a place all their own. But, if the scientists are correct, the athletes of 330 B.C. may have been just as pampered, just as spoiled and just as vain as the gladiators of today.

Nemea was one of four sites, according to archaeologists, where the Panhellenic Games were held. Digging there, the team from the University of California uncovered foundation stones, Doric columns and roof tiles from a building 50 feet square. To get into the tunnel leading into the stadium at Nemea, the athletes would have had to pass through this building, hence the conclusion that it must have been a locker room.

The Times quoted the leader of the scientific team as saying athletes of the era had become quite exalted. The Panhellenic Games were such a big deal the state called off their "ceaseless battles" just so folks could watch.

This is truly humbling. Here they are, calling off wars, and we think the Super Bowl is a big deal just because the water pressure drops when millions of people flush toilets during the Bud Bowl.

The Grecian athletes, sensing their importance—who else could stop a war?—began demanding improved facilities. So they got these private dressing rooms in which to lounge about, stretch, call their agents, whatever. Nearby was a private bathhouse, with eight special tubs.

Also nearby was a temple to Zeus, where the jocks would gather before the meet to pray and offer sacrifices. They'd offer up pigs and goats, which would then be butchered, cooked and sold to the crowd. The crowd didn't bug them for autographs, inasmuch as it was a more civilized era then because pens, pencils and baseball card collectors hadn't been invented.

After slaughtering the goats, the athletes would walk up a path into the stadium, shed their garments, oil their bodies and go to work. All the athletes performed in the nude, so we can't precisely call them jocks.

We could learn a thing or two from the Greeks. For example, did their mayors and county executives and city comptrollers and state legislators and hotel-motel associations all have to fight with each other for years just to get a stadium built?

Did they have to get the Grecian version of Civic Progress to guarantee luxury box revenues before they could an arena built? Did they have to issue revenue bonds to beat a tax deadline? No, they knew the importance of sports.

Why, if Bill Bidwill had threatened to move his Cardinals out of, say, Athens to Sparta, would they have stood meekly by? No, they would have offered Bidwill up at the temple of Zeus.

There's another thing we could learn: This idea of athletes offering up pigs and goats and then letting concessionaires roast them and sell them to the public deserves some consideration. We could get the Cardinals to cook the hotdogs before the game. Wouldn't you pay more for a dog cooked by Rex Hudler? If anyone should know something about hot dogs, it's Rex Hudler.

At the very least we should do something to get the jocks out of the locker room to meet the public before the games. Right now they spend a lot of time inside, playing cards or reading the sports section. We could build a temple to Zeus or something and see them in action before the game, slaughtering a goat.

Then we could watch them oiling their bodies before the games. We could even make them play in the nude. That way they wouldn't think that putting up with Lisa Olsen was that big a deal.

(Kevin Horrigan is co-host of "The Morning Meeting" on KMOX Radio from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.)

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DUI changes unlikely

Area state legislators apparently have little interest in reworking the current DUI laws. Read what our representatives in Springfield think about changes proposed in the laws in Thursday's Press-Record.

Board finishing hearings

The Madison County Board of Review hopes to complete its tax hearings by Jan. 15 despite a last-minute deluge of complaints from Godfrey Township homeowners. The board was forced to go beyond its end-of-year deadline because of the new complaints. See details Thursday.

4 arrested after fight

A car that left the Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza and Stages Night Club area Dec. 29 after a fight was halted by Granite City police at 21st Street and Edwardsville Road.

Police alleged seeing open beer in the car, which was occupied by four St. Louis men. A bottle of liquor was also found, authorities said.

One of the passengers, Michael Steven Tresh, 26, was bleeding from the right side of the face.

The driver, Lawrence Jeffrey Mueller, 26, Tresh and two other passengers, Paul Michael Budalamenti, 26, and Thomas Girarde Dehner, 24, were all charged with illegal transportation of alcohol.

Tresh was taken to the Madison Police Station and was booked for battery on a complaint signed by an alleged victim in an incident at the night club and truck stop area.

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Dispositions

Sentenced to prison

Tracy A. Clark of the 1700 block of Delmar Avenue was sentenced to 18 months in a state prison and was ordered to pay \$661 in restitution Dec. 6 by Circuit Judge A.A. Matosian for criminal damage to property exceeding \$300 in value.

The charge was reduced from one count of mob action. Clark was charged after he damaged with a baseball bat a 1981 Champ automobile belonging to Linda Hopkins as it was being driven in the 1700 block of Delmar on June 14, 1990.

Placed on probation

Alec Peppers, 35, of the 100 block of Abbott Street, Venice, was sentenced Dec. 7 for aggravated battery. Circuit Judge A.A. Matosian sentenced Peppers to two years of probation, with the first year intensive.

The charge stems from an Oct. 14 incident in which Peppers kicked and hit a 22-year-old Eagle Park woman while the two were in front of the Venice Post Office.

Two given probation

Two Madison men were each sentenced to two years probation

Dec. 4 by Circuit Judge A.A. Matosian for burglary.

Robert K. Sharp and Robert L. Riley were charged in connection with the burglary of a 1987 Chevrolet S-1 pickup truck owned by James H. Fry. Riley was also ordered to pay \$340 in restitution.

Intensive probation

Travon Watt, 19, of the 200 block of Abbott Street, Venice, was sentenced Dec. 12 by Circuit Judge Edward C. Ferguson on one count of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

Watt was sentenced to two years of probation, the first year intensive, with the first six months served in the Madison County Jail. Credit for time served is to be given.

Watt had been in custody since Sept. 23 after Venice police were called to a disturbance involving a gun in the 500 block of Jefferson Avenue. After Watt's arrest, police found a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol in the back seat of the squad car.

Watt had a prior conviction for unlawful use of a controlled substance in 1989.

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By Nicole V. Staff writer

EDWARDS Illinois University students major charge ahead in the semester's tuition.

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SIUE raises tuition, begins change to semesters

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville students can expect a few major changes in the years ahead in the form of a switch to semesters and an increase in tuition.

At a press conference Monday morning, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville President Earl Lazerson announced that students will be in for a 5 percent tuition hike during the 1991-92 school year.

That is the amount of increase that staff members will recommend to the Illinois Board of Higher Education as the university's proposed budget is reviewed this week, Lazerson said.

A full-time undergraduate student (12 to 18 credit hours) who is an Illinois resident currently pays \$607.25 per quarter.

Lazerson described the increase as realistic and prudent, since SIUE students currently pay the lowest state university tuition in Illinois.

Lazerson also announced that the university will begin the long-awaited conversion from a quarter to a semester system this week.

Prof. Sid Denny, who chaired a 16-member Calendar Conversion Committee which studied the feasibility of the switch, has been named coordinator of the project, Lazerson said.

Lazerson said he had no problems with the committee's final report, which was submitted to him Dec. 14. He praised the committee and hailed its many recommendations as being "as good a job as any I've ever seen."

Plans call for the conversion to be completed by the fall of 1993. The switch will require each department to evaluate its program, with certain courses being added and dropped.

Each department's graduation requirements will also be changed. Lazerson said the re-evaluation would be a healthy activity for the university.

"The opportunity to re-examine the curriculum has given us an opportunity to do some housecleaning," Lazerson said.

He also hailed the change because it will ease the transition for transfer students and will aid student performance by lengthening classroom time.

"It will also save the university a lot of wear and tear by not

having registration three times a year," Lazerson said.

The cost of the conversion is estimated at \$750,000, to be paid over a three-year period.

It will be financed through savings the university achieves through an energy conservation program.

SIUE is the last university in the state to operate on the quarter system. The University of Illinois at Chicago, which operates on the quarter system now, will convert to semesters next year.

Ruling expected on asbestos lawsuits

EDWARDSVILLE — A ruling on whether to halt asbestos injury lawsuits against Manville Corp. in the Third Judicial Circuit could come this month.

Circuit Judge Paul Riley heard arguments last week about what effect a federal order to freeze the cases should have in the circuit, which comprises Madison and Bond counties.

A federal judge in New York in November ordered a freeze on litigation against Manville's personal injury settlement trust.

Plaintiffs and other defendants oppose a stay of proceedings against Manville.

The Third Circuit has about 3,100 pending asbestos cases, more than any other circuit in Illinois and one of the largest concentrations in the country. Manville is a defendant in many of those cases.

Attorneys for Eagle-Picher Industries Inc., another manufacturer of asbestos products, filed a motion last week to halt proceedings against the company in the circuit. Riley said he would set a hearing later.

No asbestos cases are scheduled for trial here until February.

Correction

In our story Sunday about Paula Ballew becoming the first woman police officer in Madison, it was incorrectly stated that Mike Sasyk was the mayor when Ballew first applied for the job in March 1985. Sasyk in fact resigned office in January that year, and Tom Gordon, who went on to serve during an interim period, was the mayor at the time. We regret the error.

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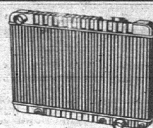
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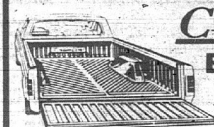
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Phone users to pay surcharge to help low-income customers

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

Illinois residents' monthly telephone bills will increase 15 cents beginning Feb. 1, as part of a program to help low-income families.

The program, called Link Up II, is the second phase of a federal program called Link Up America. Under Link Up II, qualified low-income individuals will receive a monthly credit of up to \$7 on their phone bill.

The actual amount for each customer will be twice the supplemental line charge used by their phone company. Illinois Bell, for example, has a supplemental line charge of \$3.36, so its eligible customers could receive a monthly credit of \$6.72.

Contel, which covers Millstadt, Mascoutah and New Baden, will offer the full \$7 credit.

Federal funds will pay for half the program, and the 15-cent surcharge will be used to pay the rest. The surcharge will be paid by everyone except those enrolled in the program.

The first phase of the program, Link Up Illinois, waives half of telephone installation charges, up to \$30. It was implemented in December 1989.

For Illinois Bell, the amount waived under Link Up Illinois is \$27.50. For Contel, it is \$11.15. For Harrisonville Telephone Company, which covers most of Monroe County plus Red Bud, Prairie Du Rocher and Dupu, the amount is \$8.73.

The Illinois program was developed by the Illinois Commerce Commission in consultation with the Illinois Telephone Association, which represents companies that provide local telephone service throughout the state, and with consumer organizations.

Representatives of area telephone companies, contacted on Monday, said they oppose the 15-cent surcharge as a means of financing Link Up II.

"The telephone industry has been opposed to being a collection agency for these things," said H.R. Gentsch, executive vice president and general man-

ager of Harrisonville Telephone Co. "We feel that it should be funded through government programs, and not tacked onto the individual telephone user."

Illinois Bell spokesman Mary McCormick agreed.

"We've been opposed to any one customer subsidizing another customer," she said. "But the surcharge in this case was necessary to get the program going right away."

"Eventually we hope the state of Illinois will fund the other half," she said.

McCormick said Illinois Bell has had a "good" response on Link Up Illinois and is expecting about 120,000 of its 620,000 customers to apply for Link Up II.

On the other hand, Gentsch said participation was slim among Harrisonville's customers.

"We've only had a handful of takers — a very small number," he said. "I would expect, though, that we'll have quite a few more on this second phase."

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By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

"This has been on my mind for some time. This man has done a lot for our city. He built those beautiful apartments and he is our biggest taxpayer," said

In respect for the people living on Logan Street, Mayor Tyrone Echols said, officials should talk with residents to see how they feel before the council acts. He also proposed including aldermen from the 3rd Ward in arranging the tribute, since one block of Logan Street is in that ward.

Valentine said Weaver may be more appropriate, since Baucum's apartments and office are situated on Weaver. Baucum resides at the corner of Weaver and Market Street, it was noted.

The proposal will be considered further at a future meeting.

"When I was an alderman in 1973 we were kicking this around and we still are. I'm going to call the U.S. Postal Service and see what can be done," the mayor said.

"The ward boundaries have to be dealt with, too. Wards are supposed to be close in number (of people)," Echols said.

"We may want to wait, as the county will be redistricting precincts soon and they should be as close to equal (in number of residents) as possible," Echols said.

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Obituaries

LeVault

Melvin Lloyd LeVault, 67, of Christopher, Ill., died at 4:14 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 1991, at Franklin Hospital in Benton, Ill.

Born Dec. 4, 1923, in Sesser, Ill., he had resided in Christopher for two years. He was a retired pharmacist at Granite City and Haines City, Fla.

Mr. LeVault was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sesser, American Legion in Winchester, Fla., Hump Flies Association, Masonic Lodge 877 in Granite City, Scottish Rite in Belleville and Anad Shrine Temple of East St. Louis. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Norma (Whitlatch) LeVault of Christopher; one son, Martin Lee LeVault of Granite City; daughter, Audrey Jacobs of Madison, Tenn.; five brothers, Charles LeVault of Granite City, Joe LeVault of Thomasville, Pa., Jack LeVault of Crete, Ill., Robert LeVault of St. Louis, and Percy LeVault of New Port Richey, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Charles Marlos of Hixson, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Brayfield Funeral Home, Sesser, where services will be conducted today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. by the Rev. Dwight Dame. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery, Sesser, with the VFW and American Legion conducting full military rites at the graveside.

Totra

Ray A. Totra, 28, of Cahokia died Sunday, Jan. 7, 1991. Born Jan. 26, 1962, in East St. Louis, he was employed as a machine operator.

Mr. Totra was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Watford, Ill. Survivors include a son, Matthew Hudson of Cahokia; his parents, Melvin and Carolyn (Rials) Totra of Cahokia; two brothers, Mark Totra of Granite City and Craig Totra of Cahokia; and a sister, Tammy Goodies of Imperial, Mo.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Cassidy Cahokia Mortuary, Cahokia, where services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday), with Bishop Glen Hanson officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville.

Szczepanik

Michael Gene Szczepanik Jr., 8, of Layton, Utah, died in his sleep Friday, Dec. 28, 1990, in the back of his parents' van en route to his grandmother's house in the state of Washington.

Death was attributed to asphyxiation in the van, near The Dalles, Ore. Exhaust fumes apparently had entered the rear of the vehicle where he was sleeping and his parents were unable to awaken him.

He was born Feb. 11, 1982, in North Charleston, S.C. He was a third grade student at East Layton Elementary School and a member of the LDS (Latter Day Saints) Church in Layton. He had earned Wolf rank in the Cub Scouts and enjoyed playing baseball, having played for five seasons.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. (Shannah) Lee Barber Szczepanik Jr. of Layton, two brothers and four sisters, Miles "Kai," Mosiah, Virginia, Angela, Serenity and Stasia; and his grandparents, Steven and Mirsha Petrus of Bellevue, Wash., and Joseph S. and Wilma Szczepanik of Granite City.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2 at the Layton Third Ward Chapel with the Rev. Bishop O. William

Asplund officiating. Burial was at Lindquist's Memorial Park in Layton. Lindquist's Layton Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Kueker

Arnold C. Kueker, 70, of Troy died at 7:38 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Born April 2, 1920, in Troy, he lived in Granite City from 1945 until 1979. He was a retired postal carrier and postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service. He served in World War II and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Troy.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta (Knecht) Kueker of Troy, whom he married June 26, 1943; one son, James Kueker of Granite City; one daughter, Mrs. David (Lois) Lynch of El Paso, Texas; two brothers, Walter Kueker and Wilbur Kueker, both of Troy; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Hulda Mae (Evalsizer) Kueker, and one brother, John. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Mausoleum near Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for the St. Paul's Ramp Fund.

Warden

Melvin T. Warden Sr., 83, of Belleville, formerly of St. Louis and Granite City, died at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, at the Four Seasons Convalescent Center in Belleville.

Born Feb. 3, 1907, in Doe Run, Mo., he was a retired electrician with the Union Electric Company's Meramec Plant.

Mr. Warden was a member of Masonic Triple Lodge 835, the Low 12 of Granite City, Scottish Rite Bodies of southern Illinois, Operating Engineers Local 148, the Masonic Compass Guild and Masons of Union Electric.

Survivors include one son, Melvin Warden of St. Louis, and three daughters, Grace Callico of Belleville, Marlene Buchheit of Lakeview, Fla., and Sharon Rachels of Memphis, Tenn.

Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Pete Gaerdtner Funeral Home, 250 Lebanon, Belleville, where funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday by the Rev. Ed Sadler. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested for St. Paul's Home in Belleville.

Glaser

(Continued from Page 1A) of those stores will go to another party.

The parties interested in leasing the stores have expressed interest in retaining current Medicare-Glaser employees, according to Friedman.

Leases of four other Medicare-Glaser stores were purchased by Walgreen Co. at a bankruptcy auction and the company will remain open, Quicksilver said. Those are the stores at Lafayette Center on Manchester

Martin

Robert C. Martin, 92, of Granite City died at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been in the hospital for 10 days.

Born in Bowling Green, Mo., he had resided in Granite City since childhood. He retired in 1963 from American Steel Foundries, where he worked for 44 years as an accountant. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Granite City, where he was a former secretary and former elder.

He was also a member and former secretary for 10 years of Elks Lodge 1063, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Martin, whom he married Aug. 17, 1918; one daughter, Shirley Rutledge of Spring Hill, Fla.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There was no visitation. Private services are being held today (Wednesday) at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, with the Rev. Joan Marshall officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Mausoleum near Edwardsville.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, 22nd Street and Delmar Avenue, Granite City.

Bick

Funeral services were held yesterday for Catherine G. Bick, a former official of St. Louis Suburban Newspapers Inc. She was the wife of Frank C. Bick, former publisher and owner of the newspaper group.

Mrs. Bick, 52, died Saturday at St. John's Medical Center in Creve Coeur, succumbing to a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Bick worked for 19 years at the Suburban Newspapers, where she published weekly papers in south St. Louis, south and west St. Louis County and Jefferson County. Starting as a worker in the classified advertising department, she rose to a position as classified advertising manager. She was office manager and assistant to the publisher at the time of the sale of the newspaper chain to Ingersoll Publications in 1984.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Genevieve DuBois Catholic Church in Warren Woods. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bick is survived by three sons, Terry L. Anderson, Lester E. Anderson and Craig J. Anderson, all of Brentwood; a brother, Harry A. Riggs of Fenton; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Wyman in Eureka, Mo.

Suit

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behind on furniture payments and that he believed the couple was hiding in her home. The suit said Lott's son also lives in Venice but not at her residence.

The six-count suit seeks in excess of \$15,000 compensatory damages, including emotional distress, and in excess of \$15,000 punitive damages from each defendant. Lott has requested a jury trial.

In the suit, Lott says the employee performed several acts of "ethnic intimidation" including: "trying to force his way into her home by shoving his shoulder into the doorway; avoid having the door closed; called Lott a 'nigger'; drew a pistol; failed to leave after being requested to do so; disturbed Lott's peace without authority of law; and in the presence of an officer, tried to intimidate Lott into letting him into her home."

Mark, manager of the Granite City Rent-A-Center, said Monday all the allegations were untrue.

Loan

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"I say loan us the money. That bridge makes money and is a tax shelter for rich people. This is a thriving area — the crossroads to the West," Echols said.

The city of Venice purchased the bridge in 1958 from the former Illinois Terminal Railroad Co. for nearly \$23 million and still owes about \$9 million to the bondholders.

The \$9 million debt is to be retired by 1997 using revenues from tolls on the bridge. Of the \$3 million in revenue taken in annually from the 50-cent tolls, the bridge pays about \$1.2 million yearly on principal and interest on the 2 percent bonds.

Federal and state funding measures to help reconstruct the 80-year-old bridge have been explored, the mayor said.

The bridge is not going to spend anything on it, so it will fall to the state," said City Treasurer J. Alan Gardner Sr. "If they (state) do put a new bridge over, everybody uses it for free. I say let everyone pay for the use and the bridge will be better."

Grievance

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workers to be used on a private contract project; particularly one located outside the city limits, Harrison said he doesn't feel like he did anything wrong.

Harrison said, "I was just doing my job. You don't turn down overtime jobs when they're offered."

Slough

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adopted a resolution approving Heneghan Associates, PC, as engineer for the Hamm project Nov. 14.

A cease and desist order was issued to Lathrop by the Corps of Engineers last month. The Corps has determined the

Business

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Valentine Sr. also commented on the issue of pulling together. "We come here and spend two hours bickering over nothing. I believe we should try to stick together and be just as good citizens as those we represent."

As we should put our feelings in our pocket," Valentine said. "Nods of agreement went around the council table after Valentine's and Williams' comments."

He said he never tried to force his way into Lott's home, and the charges regarding a racial slur were "definitely not true. We have a number of black customers here and I do not have any trouble with them."

He said he did visit Ardell Lott's home in an attempt to contact her daughter-in-law, the customer listed on the rental application. Lott has requested a jury trial.

"But we're never allowed to discuss an account except with the customer. All we can do is leave a message."

Mark said he went to Ardell Lott's home because she was listed as a reference on the rental application.

"I've never, ever had a gun or been near a gun in my life," he added.

On Dec. 4, the final visit to Lott's home, the suit asserts Mark was accompanied to Lott's residence by a uniformed Madison police officer. The officer's name is not given in the suit.

The suit alleges that the officer

peer, who is white, did not show a warrant and that the purpose of his presence was racial intimidation.

The suit maintains that the officer violated the Ethnic Intimidation Act by: assisting in the use of force or violence in disturbing the public peace by two or more persons acting together; and without authority of law, assisting the Rent-A-Center employee in an attempt to intimidate and show force.

Mark said he never visited Ardell Lott's home with a Madison police officer.

"She lives in Venice," he added.

When asked if he went with a female policeman, Mark replied, "Not to her house."

Madison Police Chief Charlie Bridick said Monday it would be inappropriate for him to comment on pending litigation.

"All I can tell you is we're investigating the charges," he said.

together with Dixon and Simon. "We're not sure what's happened. East St. Louis had a bridge and it's gone. Madison had a bridge and it's gone," the mayor said.

"I believe they are waiting for the opportunity to take that bridge from us," Williams said. "I really believe it's a scheme to get the bridge."

Echols said he will set up a series of meetings with U.S. Sen. Simon, U.S. Sen. Dixon, State Rep. Wyett Young, McPike, State Sen. Sam Vadalabene and State Rep. Sam Wolf.

"We want to talk about borrowing the money. We're not asking them to give it to us," Echols said.

Williams suggested installing a little "Gateway Arch" or some kind of sign at the Venice end of the McKinley Bridge.

"I'm going to be contacting Jim McPike (D. Altamonte) about building a new bridge — and find out what's going on," Echols said.

"Let them all know how we feel — Senator Paul Simon, Senator Alan Dixon and Representative McPike," said 2nd Ward Alderman John Henry Williams. "Those people speak for us and we should express our feelings to them."

"Costello, knows," Echols assured the council. "I'll get

Warfield said the city often cooperates with contractors when they ask for help, especially when it benefits the city as a whole.

The Dobrey Slough pumping station is owned by the State of Illinois, but maintained by the city.

The town meeting will be held Thursday to address the possibility of war in the Persian Gulf.

The town meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Religious Center (next to the visitors' parking lot) located on the campus of SIUE.

Adopt-pet day
set Saturday

The Madison County Humane Society will hold an Adopt-a-Pet Day on Saturday, Jan. 12, at Kritter Korner, 229 N. Main St., Edwardsville.

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More murders than usual

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County tallied more than its usual share of murders in 1990, but the previous record of 26 recorded in 1986 remains intact.

The Madison County coroner's office logged 21 homicides, said Chief Deputy Coroner Ralph Baahlmann Jr.

The figure includes one man who was shot in St. Clair County on Dec. 26 and died later the same day at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. The coroner's office is investigating the death because it occurred in Madison County.

Baahlmann said the county has averaged about 12 murders per year in recent years.

"The police say homicides are not the type of crime that can be predicted or necessarily prevented," he said. Most, he said, are crimes of passion.

"Most are committed by someone the victim knows — usually a close friend or family member," Baahlmann said.

Five cases in 1990 involved the deaths of married couples or couples living together. One pair of deaths was ruled a double

homicide and the others homicide-suicides.

The coroner's office investigated about 950 reported deaths in 1990. Many of those were from natural causes and were turned over to attending physicians to designate the cause of death.

But the cases included the 21 homicides, 25 suicides, three apparent suicides, 92 accidental deaths and six deaths of an undetermined nature.


Death investigations not only affect victims and their families but also hit taxpayers in the pocketbook, he said.

One investigation in 1990 cost nearly \$20,000, but most were not that expensive, Baahlmann said. He did not have a total amount spent.

Of the 21 homicide victims, seven were shot with handguns; three with shotguns or rifles; and one with both types of weapons.

Two were suffocated or asphyxiated; five were stabbed; two were beaten; and one was struck with a vehicle, Baahlmann said.

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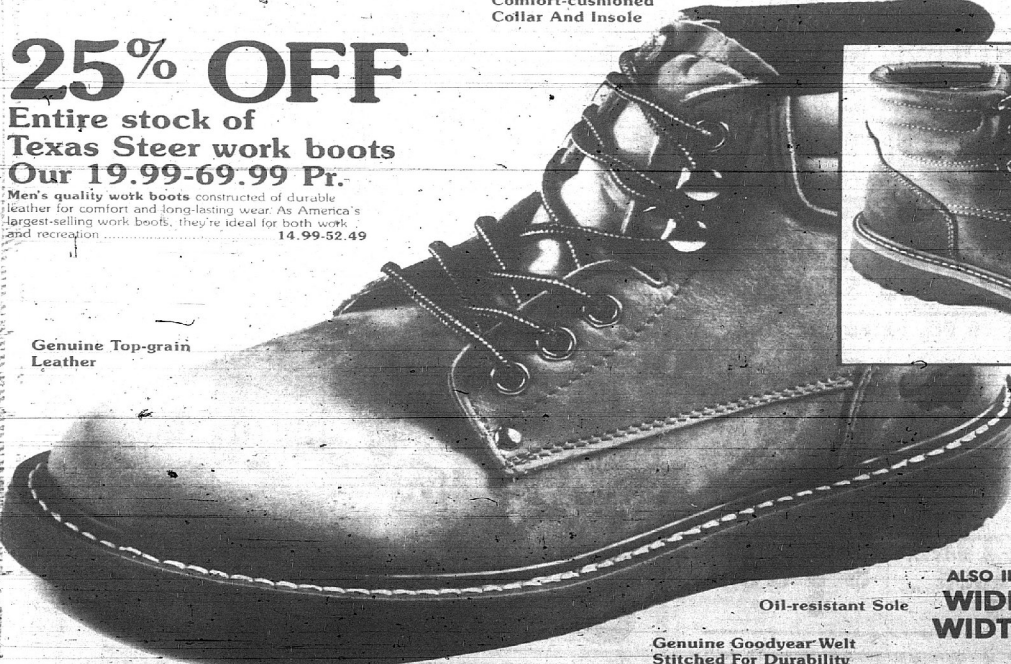
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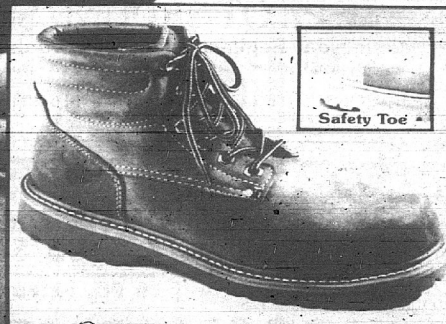
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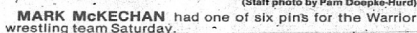
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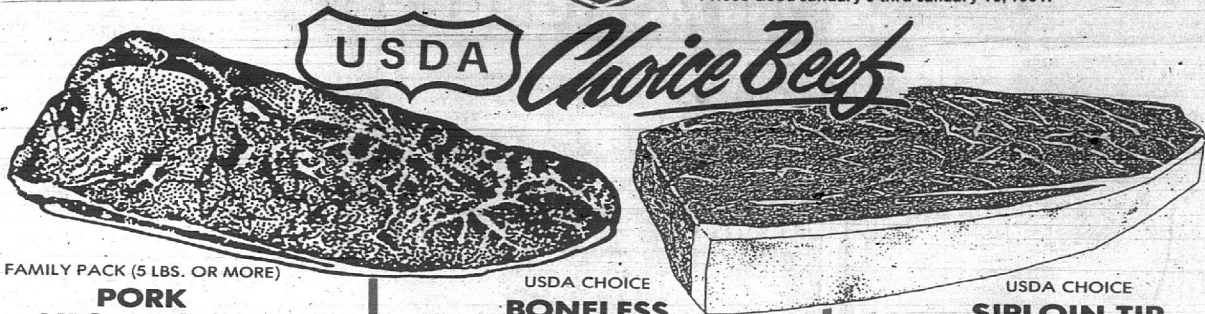
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1991
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10-minute rule guides cook to perfect seafood

Fish is at its flavorful best when properly cooked. It becomes dry and tends to fall apart if cooked too long. The 10-minute rule is a guide to cooking fish perfectly.

Measure the fish — whole, steaks or filets — at its thickest

part. For example, a steak 1½ inches thick should be tested with a fork after about 12 minutes of baking. For frozen fish, do not thaw, but double the cooking time.

Perfectly cooked fish will start to flake when tested, but remain

moist and juicy.

The 10-minute rule applies to poaching, baking at 450°, broiling, grilling and sauteing, but not microwaving.

P.S. Sesame seed rolls. Some sesame seeds inevitably

will fall off homemade rolls and breads, but more will stay put if the dough is brushed with beaten egg whites first. Then gently press seeds into top of dough and bake.



HALF THE FUN of taking home videos is watching the family "star" later while the audience eats snacks reminiscent of a movie theater.

Invite home video stars to snack, to see family

It is fun to plan an evening at home watching family movies. When they are over, pop a favorite movie video for the young stars in the VCR. Add some popcorn treats and the program will win awards.

Family night at the movies sounds like a screening at a theater. Once television became popular in the '50s, eating popcorn at home increased dramatically. It took another strong jump in the last decade with the advent of VCRs and microwave popcorn.

Now 70 percent of all popcorn is eaten at home. About 56 quarts are eaten on average by each person in the country in a year.

Tinseltown Treats and Popcorn Stars are two sweet popcorn treats that can be served at a home video show. Tinseltown Treats are popcorn balls flavored with grated orange rind and orange extract. They can be tinted orange with unsweetened powdered orange drink mix.

Tinseltown treats

- 2 qt. popped popcorn
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. orange extract
- 2 tsp. grated orange rind
- ½ tsp. unsweetened powdered orange drink mix, if desired

Keep popcorn warm in oven at

200° while preparing coating. In 2-quart saucepan, stir together sugar, corn syrup, water and butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to boil. Continue to cook without stirring until temperature reaches 270° on candy thermometer. Remove from heat. Stir in orange extract, orange rind and drink mix. Slowly pour mixture over popped corn, stirring to coat thoroughly. Cool just enough to handle. Butter hands lightly and shape popcorn into balls. Makes 8 to 9 popcorn balls.

Popcorn stars

- 1½ qt. popped popcorn
- 1 bag (14 oz.) caramels
- 2 tsp. half-and-half
- 1 tsp. butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. rum flavoring
- About 48 pecan halves
- ½ cup canned ready-made chocolate fudge frosting

Place popcorn in large bowl. In medium saucepan over low heat, warm caramels, half-and-half and butter, stirring frequently, until caramels are melted. Remove from heat. Stir in rum flavoring. Pour caramel over popcorn. Toss to coat well. Arrange pecans in groups of three or grouped baking sheet. Working quickly, spoon heaping tablespoonful of popcorn mixture onto center of each pecan group. Place frosting in small saucepan. Heat over low heat until softened. Spoon over each mound of popcorn. Store in cool place. Makes about 16.

Crab, noodles, cheese make winning combo

Beverly Joseph of Florissant is this week's winner of dinner certificates for the Pasta House Co. for Rice and Crab Romanoff. Entries for the Fruit Dessert Recipe Contest are due Jan. 31. A dish can range from pie to cake, slurrp to sauce, as long as it includes fruit in the recipe. A single entry to the contest should be sent to Fruit Dessert Recipe Contest, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 100, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

If possible, tell where the recipe came from and give specific information about special touches that give it a personal signature. Indicate which *Journal* newspaper you receive.

Rice and crab Romanoff

- 6 cups hot cooked rice
- 2 cups chopped cheese
- 2 cups cream-style cottage cheese

- 1 can (8 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 3 cans (7½ oz.) lump crab
- 1 pinch paprika

In large bowl, combine rice, chives, cottage cheese and mushrooms.

In another bowl, blend sour cream, mayonnaise, salt, black and cayenne pepper, Worcestershire sauce and ½ cup cheese. Fold into rice mixture. Combine with crab.

Turn mixture into 3-quart greased casserole. Sprinkle with ½ cup cheese and paprika to taste. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

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Leftovers will not turn stale if microwaved with new aim

By Sandra Hounsom
Home economist

Holidays that run into early January remind people of the season — of leftovers. A family may not want to look at turkey or ham sandwiches forever. From breakfast through lunch and on to dinner, let a microwave oven help turn leftovers into a full meal.

Leftover ham can be cut in chunks and added to Scrambled Eggs: in a glass pie pan, melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine 20 to 30 seconds on high power. In a small bowl, add 1 tablespoon milk for every egg used.

Tilt heated butter so it thoroughly coats the bottom of the pie pan. Pour in eggs. Microwave on high 1 minute per egg, stirring in ham chunks after half the cooking time. Let stand about 5 minutes while the toast is buttered and coffee is poured.

Leftover chicken or turkey and noodles easily become Homemade Soup. Without the hours usually taken for simmering, to 2 cups cooked, drained noodles, add 4 cups water and at least 1

cup chopped chicken or turkey. For a hearty vegetable soup, add 1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables. Microwave on high power 8 to 10 minutes without or 14 to 20 minutes with vegetables.

Fresh vegetable relish trays with carrots, green or red peppers, celery, cauliflower and zucchini look sad the day after a big meal or party when they are left behind. Cut them in small pieces and have Stir-Fried Second.

A 4-quart browning dish is handy, although not necessary, for this. Preheat browning dish 10 minutes on high power. Add 1 cup chopped onion, green pepper and 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Stir to coat with oil. Microwave on high 3 to 4 minutes until vegetables are slightly tender, but still crisp. In a 4-cup glass measure, combine 4 tablespoons cornstarch, 2 cups water and 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Stir to blend. Microwave on high 1 to 2 minutes until thickened. Pour over vegetables in browning dish and microwave 3 to 4 minutes more until heated through.

Without a browning dish,

steam vegetables, covered, with 2 tablespoons water in a 4-quart casserole. Drain water, then add oil with rest of ingredients and continue cooking as above. For a complete meal, add chunks of cooked meat when adding sauce mixture.

Sometimes a hostess has excess snacks that look unappealing after several passes. Turn minipretzels into a pick-up dessert or snack by coating them with white or chocolate coating to become Mini Twists.

In a small mixing bowl, microwave 2 ounces chocolate chips or white coating pieces 2 to 4 minutes on medium power, stirring after half the time to see whether they have melted (they won't look soft). Add more time in 20-second intervals, stirring after each addition and stopping when it melts to avoid scorching.

With a fork, dip pretzels in melted coating. Tap excess from pretzel, allowing it to run through fork prongs, into bowl. Lay coated pretzel on waxed paper. Sprinkle with multicolored sprinkles for color. Allow to stand or chill until set.

Cook determines cake's color, shape

A cake can bake unevenly if the batter is spread unevenly in the pan or it bakes on a slanted oven rack. It also is wise to place the cake on the middle rack position in the center of the oven to allow even heat distribution.

Choice of ingredients can

affect a cake's color. Substituting butter or margarine for shortening may cause the color to change. A cake also may have a creamier color if it is made with unbleached flour instead of bleached flour. If ingredients are not mixed evenly, the cake also may vary in color.

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1 cup chopped green bell pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. salt
1 can (28 oz.) Italian plum tomatoes, broken up
1 cup water
1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
3 tbsp. chili powder
1 tsp. oregano leaves
1 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper

1 can (15 1/2 oz.) black or kidney beans, drained
Shredded cheddar cheese
Chopped onion

In large skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat, cook beef, 1 cup chopped onion, green pepper and garlic until beef is evenly browned. Pour off drippings.

Sprinkle salt over beef mixture. Add tomatoes, water, tomato paste, chili powder, oregano and red pepper. Cover tightly. Reduce heat. Simmer 1 1/2 hours or until

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Retired U.S. employees meet

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1067 met at the Melvin Price Support Center on Dec. 10. There were 70 in attendance.

President Alex Duccini called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Willard Messer gave the invocation and all repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Five guests attending were Lorman Wehling, field vice president of NARFE District No. 1; Vicky Shaefer, Mary Miskie, Makine Eddington and Marie Strunkel.

Messer installed the officers for 1991: president, Alex Duccini; secretary, Katherine Shockley; treasurer, Helen Martin; and vice president, Tharah Erney.

Duccini gave a short legislative report and the remainder of the meeting was turned over to Elmer Ebrecht, program chairman, for a Christmas party and a holiday luncheon.

Any retired federal employee wishing to join NARFE or attend a meeting may call 931-2118 for reservations.

The next monthly meeting will be at the Melvin Price Support Center at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 14. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello will be guest speaker.

Community chairmen appointed for 1991 are: Georgina McMullan, service officer; Elmer Ebrecht, program chairman; and Daryl Few, publicity chairman.

New Eagle-Stone class to continue

Eagle-Stone Worship Center has announced that the new additional class of relationships has had a great response and therefore, Doug Cook, educational director, intends to continue the class for another five weeks.

Jerri Jones will again be teaching the teen-agers and Pastor Don (Skeeter) Jones will be teaching the adults. Classes will start on January 13 and will be held each Sunday morning at 10 a.m.


The classes will be called

"Survival Guide for Teenagers." The class is designed to meet the problem of lack of communication between teens and their parents on issues such as: drugs and alcohol, sex and dating, depression/suicide, goal setting and much more.

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Kierra S

Paula Smith announced the birth of a daughter, born at 8:45 a.m. at St. Elizabeth. The infant has a birth weight of 7 lb. 10 oz. and a length of 19 in. She was named Kierra S. Smith.

Nikki Lu

Cindy Balupardus of parents of a daughter, born at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth. The infant has a birth weight of 7 lb. 10 oz. and a length of 19 in. She was named Nikki Lu.

Maxwell

Maxwell undergraduate earned at least average on a list for the academic year. Maxwell is a student at the University of Illinois.

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Births

Kierra Smith

Paula Smith of Madison has announced the birth of her daughter, born at 8:09 a.m. Dec. 31, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Kierra Lynn. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Madison. Paula has one other child, Derek L. Smith.

Nikki Lupardus

Cindy Baker and Richard Lupardus of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 3:18 p.m. Dec. 27, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Nikki Ann. She weighed 4

pounds, 14 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Ann and Jim Brimm of Granite City and Wilford Jr. Baker of Houston, Texas.

The paternal grandparents are Patricia and Donald Holt of Granite City and Ronald Lupardus of Texas.

Dustin Laswell

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Laswell of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 10:39 a.m. Dec. 30, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The infant has been named Dustin Lee Laswell. He weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces.

The mother is the former Darla Tinsley.

The maternal grandparent is Ruby Tinsley of Granite City.

The paternal grandparents are Charles and Edith Jerree Bennett of Hopkinton, Ky.

The couple has one other child, Daniel Paul Laswell, 4 1/2 years old.

Kristen Buzan

Rex and Carla Buzan of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 7:03 a.m. Dec. 19, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Kristen Deanne. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

The mother is the former Carla Knezevich.

The maternal grandparents are Jean Knezevich of Granite City and the late Mike Knezevich.

The paternal grandparents are Gene Buzan of Granite City and Hilda Enfield of Maryland Heights, Mo.

The couple has one other child, Jessica Ann, 2 years old.

Rebecca Cox

Jeff and Raye Cox of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 8:56 a.m. Dec. 23, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Rebecca Elaine. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

The mother is the former Raye Westbrook.

The maternal grandparents are Bill and Kathy Westbrook of Troy.

The paternal grandparents are Melvin and Dorothy Osborn of St. Charles, Mo.

The couple has one other child, Justin, 2 years old.

Maxwell named to dean's list

TERRE HAUTE, IND. — David F. Maxwell of Granite City has been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter of the academic year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Maxwell was among 457 undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.3 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), according to Jess R. Lucas, vice president for student affairs. A senior

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Couple celebrates family holiday in Sullivan, Mo.

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Boyle and Juanita Barnes of Hills Avenue have returned from Sullivan, Mo., where they celebrated Christmas with their children, grandchildren and a new great-grandson.

The family members met at the home of the Barnes' daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Claude Gozia. Present were the Gozia children, Joe, Mike and Don and Don's wife Cathy, and son Stephen, all of Sullivan.

Also present were the Barnes' other three children and their families, including their daughter Jan Lienenmann, her husband Robert and their sons Matt and Don and Don's wife, Lisa and son Sean. Their son Brian Barnes, his wife Julie and children Melodee, Brett, and Sean all of Granite City, as well as son Wayne Barnes and wife Berna and children Nicolas and Elizabeth of Edwardsville.

They enjoyed Christmas dinner together and a gift exchange. They also welcomed little Stephen Gozia into the family. He is the first grandchild for



Maxine Duniphan

Glaude and Kathy Gozia and the first child for Don and Kathy Gozia.

The Depot and Goodfellow Retirement met at the Lake Restaurant for breakfast, Dec. 18.

The group met a week early due to the holidays. The usual meeting time is 7:30 a.m. the last Tuesday of each month. The group is hoping other Depot Retirees will join them.

Those present for the meeting were Charles L. Warren, Frank Orris, Riggs Weston, Bob Plaitz, Don Voyles, Mel Pohlman, Larry Strohnede, Frank Sampson, Wm. H. O'Neil and John R. Robertson.

The Rev. Don Gaines, pastor of Faith Chapel General Baptist Church, was married to the for-

mer Diane Treat in a 2 p.m. ceremony at the church, Dec. 22.

The ladies of the church hosted a wedding reception (664 Ashland) for the couple in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

Juanita Barnes of Hills Avenue was the hostess for the Hills Terrace Birthday Club's annual

Christmas party Dec. 19.

The group enjoyed the festive atmosphere, the socializing and the exchange of gifts. They also played games and recognized the birthday celebrants Opal Davis and Mickey Hiedbrink.

Game winners were Jeri Schieb, Davis and Hiedbrink.

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Time to praise local TV for its strong points

With all the weeping and gnashing of teeth that comes forth from this space, it is not surprising that someone once referred to me as Jeremiah wailing at the wall.

It probably is about time to point out that I do not think that everything on television—even on local news—is truly awful. I just think a lot of it could be better.

But while we all think about making it better, consider these blessings: Coverage of breaking events, such as storms, aircraft disasters and fires is usually good, mostly because technology has provided the means to go live.

Medical reporting, as presented by Kay Quinn at KSDK-TV (Channel 5), John Schiesser at KPLR-TV (Channel 11), Al Wiman at KMOV-TV (Channel 4) and Tom O'Neal at KTVI-TV (Channel 2) generally is informative and well-done.

Mike Brown at Channel 4 does an outstanding job on business and financial reporting. Channel 2 carries on a tradition of strong political reporting featuring Don Marsh and Betsy France, who know their way around that beat.

Again, because of technology, sports coverage can be very good, and occasionally, someone

will do a good feature (Bill Davis' fishing stories for Channel 2 come to mind), but there still are too many silly gimmicks which waste time.

Personalities aside, the weather reporting is pretty good. It's easy to make jokes, but we all know the weather is hard to predict (and the weather guys prove it). But during the holiday season, for example, they told me, accurately, when to expect lousy weather, and we got it. They also told me to once expect a second helping of freezing rain which did not show up, but who's complaining? It's a science, but not an exact science.

It's good to see that there are now more news programs than there used to be. That's one area in which the local stations obviously have improved. Early morning, midday, round the clock. It wasn't too long ago that almost all local news effort was in the evening. The mid-day programs, in particular, provide a forum in which to present news about the local arts scene, such as theater. O'Neal and Channel 2 co-anchor Dana King have done some good work in that area.

Among the reporters you can rely on for solid, consistent reporting in the best traditions of journalism are Mike Owens at Channel 5, Russ Mitchell at

Channel 4 and Roche Madden at Channel 2. These pros give you the complete story as they have it and let the facts speak for themselves.

Speaking of sticking to journalism, remember the feature Channel 2's Paul Schankmann did in which he was knocked into a pond by a rampaging llama? Schankmann might be the only person I know who could have done that story and made the butting only an incidental part of the yarn. The station did exploit the llama encounter somewhat, but Schankmann's story did not.

Channel 4 used an interesting technique on some holiday newscasts, featuring letters to troops in Operation Desert Shield that were read by the local elementary school children who wrote them and by the recipients in Saudi Arabia. It was touching.

Channel 5's Karen Foss and Dick Ford presentation continues to be extremely polished—even the occasional technical mistake is handled smoothly.

Two programs often over-

looked which more of us should watch more often are "Highway 40," 9:30 p.m. Wednesday on KETC-TV (Channel 9) and "Turnabout," the terrific public affairs program on at 12:30 p.m. Sunday on Channel 2. Both give you a great look at local issues in a discussion format.

One of television's nicer moments for me during the holidays took place on Christmas Day.

Bob Costas, arguably the best all-around talent doing television sports today, was involved in a bit of good-natured foolishness with Pat Riley, his colleague at NBC, and an analyst on NBC's coverage of pro basketball. The bit involved Riley shooting—and switching—a jumper at Chicago Stadium, where the Bulls were about to play on national television, and Costas shooting at an outdoor rim, presumably in his St. Louis County backyard.

Costas' network rival Dan Dierdorf (ABC's "Monday Night Football"), whom Costas intro-

duced as a neighbor, was out in the snow with Costas, glass in hand, and wishing season's greetings. It was just a passing moment, but for me at least, it was really neat to see the two men, both at the top of their profession, chatting to the nation from St. Louis.

Observation: a few years ago, the networks would not even acknowledge each other's existence, let alone appear on each other's cameras. This is a more grown-up time, I guess.

Other observations: Costas apparently has a glass backboard in his backyard. And he made the shot Dierdorf, who would probably be more at home knocking the backboard down, did not shoot.

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